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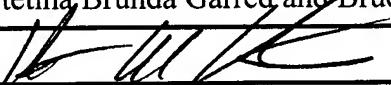
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First Named Inventor	James Castillo
Examiner Name	Michael A. Brown
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Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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1203 300	2203 150			Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
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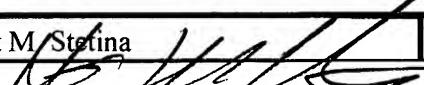
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1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 430	2252 215	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 980	2253 490	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,530	2254 7650	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,080	2255 1,040	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 340	2401 170	Notice of Appeal	
1402 340	2402 170	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 300	2403 150	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,370	2453 685	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,370	2501 685	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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Applicant(s): James Castillo)	Confirmation No. 8369
Serial No.: 10/067,498)	Art Unit: 3764
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is a response to the Final Office Action mailed March 22, 2005 in relation to the above-identified patent application. In that Office Action, all of the pending claims 1-12 of the application were rejected solely under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-4 of United States Patent No. 6,796,951.

Pursuant thereto, Applicant is submitting a Terminal Disclaimer in relation to the subject application over United States Letters Patent No. 6,796,951.

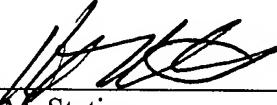
It is respectfully submitted that the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer eliminates the double-patenting rejection of the Examiner and hence the application is in a condition for allowance. A reconsideration and allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account Number 19-4330.

Respectfully submitted,

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